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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXT OF AC/281-REPORT (75)2, WHICH IS
AN INPUT FOR EWG USE IN PREPARING SPRING REPORT TO MINISTERS
ON SUBJECT.

BEGIN TEXT.

EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON THE STUDY OF ALLIANCE DEFENCE
PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970S

INPUTS FOR THE SPRING REPORT 1975

FORWARDED HERewith IS A COPY OF THE INPUT PREPARED
BY THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
(COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS DIRECTORATE) WITH THE HEADING OF:
"SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO
INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS).
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ALLIANCE DEVENCE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970'S - SPRING
REPORT 1975 - COMMUNICATIONS

THE NICS POLICY COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY PRODUCED

ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS) FOR 1974(1). WHILE LITTLE ACTUAL IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN REALISED SINCE THE LAST AD/70 REPORT(2), CERTAIN NOTE-WORTHY ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR SEVERAL OF THE MAJOR SYSTEM ELEMENTS. IN THIS REGARD, THE CONTRACT FOR THE SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT (SVE) FOR THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT (PSVP) HAS BEEN LET AND THE INSTALLATION OF THIS SUB-SYSTEM WILL COMMENCE IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1975. THE BIDDING DOCUMENT FOR THE TELEGRAPH AUTOMATIC RELAY EQUIPMENT (TARE) HAS BEEN ISSUED AND THE BIDS ARE NOW UNDERGOING EVALUATION. SIMILARLY, THE BIDDING DOCUMENT FOR THE INITIAL VOICE SWITCHED NETWORK (IVSN) HAS BEEN ISSUED AND EVALUATION OF THOSE BIDS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN LATER THIS YEAR.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF THE IAU 400 MILLION CEILING FOR THE 1975/79 COST SHARING PERIOD, THE FURTHER STRETCHING OUT OF THE FIRST INCREMENT OF THE NICS IS INEVITABLE. THE PRECISE EXTENT TO WHICH THIS WILL BE NECESSARY WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR PROPOSALS FOR A BALANCED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME FOR THE 1975/79 COST SHARING PERIOD. HOWEVER, IN ADDRESSING THIS QUESTION AT THEIR MARCH MEETING, THE NICS POLICY COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IN CASE OF A FINANCIAL SHORTFALL THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE SHOULD APPLY:

(A) A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN THE SCOPE OF THE PHASE III SATCOM PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE FOR THREE STATIC AND TWO TRANSPORTABLE SATCOM GROUND TERMINALS IN ADDITION TO MODIFICATION OF THE 12 PHASE III SGTS; AND

(B) THE DEFERMENT OF THE PHASE III SSMA/TDM PROGRAMME.

3. SHOULD THESE TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS NOT PROVIDE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO MEET THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME IN THE CURRENT COST SHARING PERIOD, THE COMMITTEE DIRECTED THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA, SHOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER LIMIT-
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ING THE SECURE VOICE AND TARE PROGRAMMES.

4. AT THE INVITATION OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG). THE NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE (NJCEC) HAS INITIATED STUDIES ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND AN INTERIM REPORT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE EWG ON THIS SUBJECT. THE SIGNIFICANT POINTS BROUGHT OUT IN THIS INTERIM REPORT ARE THAT A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES EXIST WHICH OFFER POTENTIAL FOR

(1) DPC/D(75)
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RATIONALISATION. HOWEVER, IN THE SHORT TERM THE RATIONAL-
ISATION OF EXISTING OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS IS GENERALLY RESTRICTED
TO INTERCONNECTIONS ONLY WHICH ARE UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE SUB-
STANTIAL SAVINGS EITHER FINANCIALLY OR IN MANPOWER. IN THE LONG
TERM, TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM RATIONALISATION OF SYSTEMS,
ACTIONS SHOULD BE INITIATED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE
PLANNING STAGES. THOSE AREAS OFFERING SUCH POTENTIAL ARE NOW
BEING ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA,
WITH THE NATIONS CONCERNED.
END TEXT.BRUCE

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